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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2561

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Kenji MATSUOKA	)	Group Art Unit: 2154
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Serial No.: 09/840,057	)	Examiner: Lin, Wen Tai
	)	
Filed: April 24, 2001	)	Confirmation No.: 3706
	)	
For: BUSINESS METHOD BY	)	
INTERNET CONNECTION	)	
INFORMATION REGISTRATION	)	
SERVICE, INTERNET	)	
CONNECTION SETTING	)	
METHOD, INTERNET	)	
CONNECTION INFORMATION	)	
REGISTRATION METHOD, AND	)	
COMPUTER-READABLE	)	
RECORDING MEDIUM WHICH	)	
RECORDS APPLICATION	)	
PROGRAM	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated July 23, 2004, the period for response to which extends through August 23, 2004 (August 22<sup>nd</sup> being a Sunday), the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 among claims 1-6 (Group I); claims 7, 9-14, 17, and 20-21 (Group II); and claims 8, 15-16, and 18-19 (Group III). Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-6, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a device on a collaborative communications network.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: August 20, 2004

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